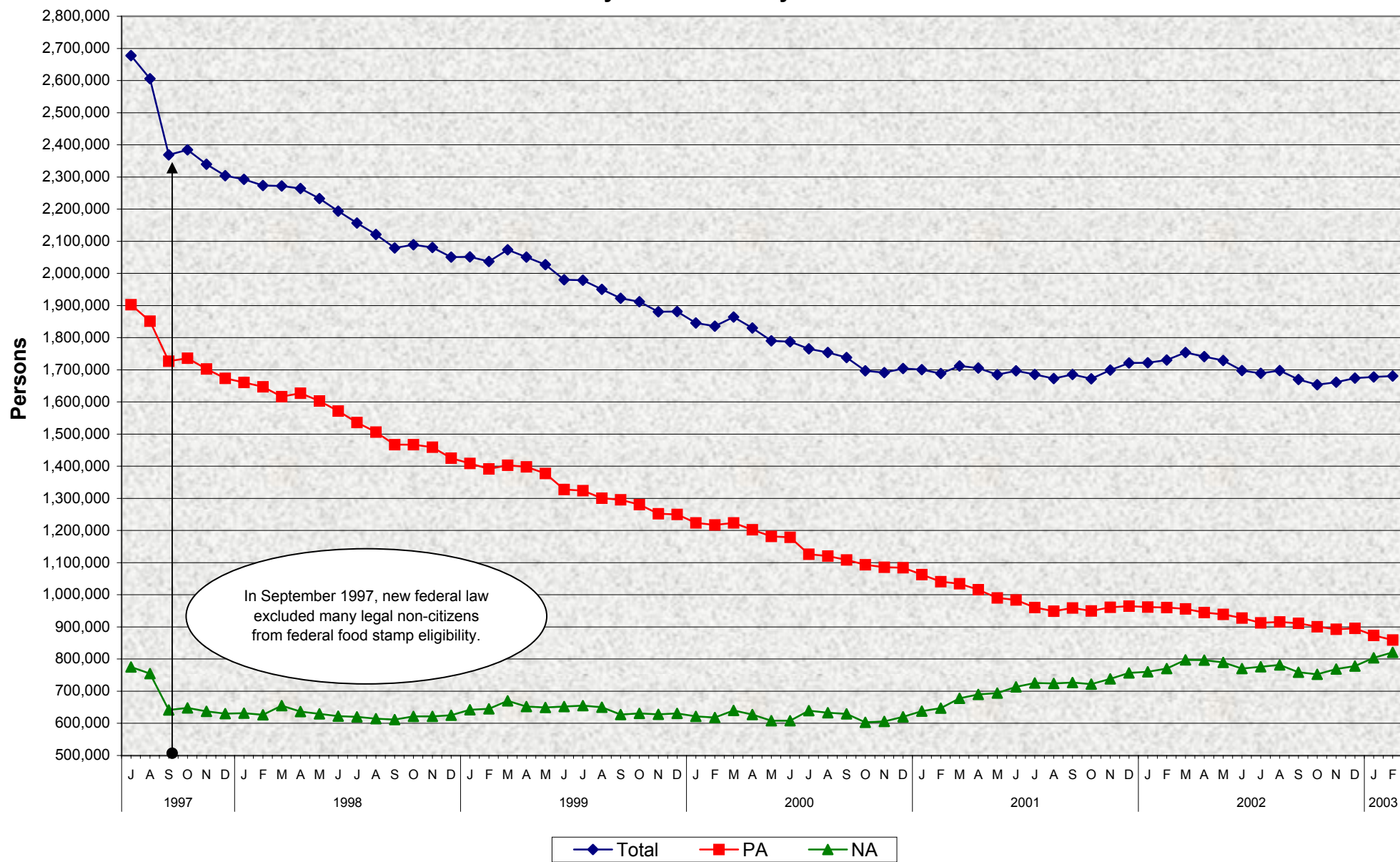


Federal Food Stamp Program^{a/} **Total, Public Assistance (PA) and Nonassistance (NA) Persons** **July 1997 - February 2003^{b/}**



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MONTHLY PERCENT CHANGE

		Jul	% Chg	Aug	% Chg	Sep	% Chg	Oct	% Chg	Nov	% Chg	Dec	% Chg	Jan	% Chg	Feb	% Chg	Mar	% Chg	Apr	% Chg	May	% Chg	Jun	% Chg
97/98	Total	2,677,774	-1.7%	2,606,030	-2.7%	2,368,677	-9.1%	2,384,475	0.7%	2,339,528	-1.9%	2,303,673	-1.5%	2,292,395	-0.5%	2,273,667	-0.8%	2,271,680	-0.1%	2,263,938	-0.3%	2,232,743	-1.4%	2,193,967	-1.7%
	PA	1,902,726	-2.0%	1,851,557	-2.7%	1,727,156	-6.7%	1,736,351	0.5%	1,702,514	-1.9%	1,673,527	-1.7%	1,660,596	-0.8%	1,647,073	-0.8%	1,616,604	-1.8%	1,627,414	0.7%	1,603,298	-1.5%	1,571,486	-2.0%
	NA	775,048	-1.1%	754,473	-2.7%	641,521	-15.0%	648,124	1.0%	637,014	-1.7%	630,146	-1.1%	631,799	0.3%	626,594	-0.8%	655,076	4.5%	636,524	-2.8%	629,445	-1.1%	622,481	-1.1%
98/99	Total	2,156,550	-1.7%	2,121,127	-1.6%	2,079,405	-2.0%	2,089,110	0.5%	2,080,600	-0.4%	2,050,326	-1.5%	2,051,262	0.0%	2,036,820	-0.7%	2,073,285	1.8%	2,050,711	-1.1%	2,026,813	-1.2%	1,980,133	-2.3%
	PA	1,536,161	-2.2%	1,506,335	-1.9%	1,467,444	-2.6%	1,467,249	0.0%	1,458,972	-0.6%	1,424,885	-2.3%	1,409,020	-1.1%	1,391,357	-1.3%	1,403,289	0.9%	1,398,217	-0.4%	1,377,214	-1.5%	1,327,823	-3.6%
	NA	620,389	-0.3%	614,792	-0.9%	611,961	-0.5%	621,861	1.6%	621,628	0.0%	625,441	0.6%	642,242	2.7%	645,463	0.5%	669,996	3.8%	652,494	-2.6%	649,599	-0.4%	652,310	0.4%
99/00	Total	1,978,966	-0.1%	1,950,092	-1.5%	1,922,858	-1.4%	1,911,585	-0.6%	1,880,727	-1.6%	1,881,058	0.0%	1,845,475	-1.9%	1,835,484	-0.5%	1,863,991	1.6%	1,829,793	-1.8%	1,790,044	-2.2%	1,786,990	-0.2%
	PA	1,323,912	-0.3%	1,300,250	-1.8%	1,295,368	-0.4%	1,280,542	-1.1%	1,252,291	-2.2%	1,250,031	-0.2%	1,223,813	-2.1%	1,217,171	-0.5%	1,223,552	0.5%	1,202,350	-1.7%	1,182,089	-1.7%	1,178,638	-0.3%
	NA	655,054	0.4%	649,842	-0.8%	627,490	-3.4%	631,043	0.6%	628,436	-0.4%	631,027	0.4%	621,662	-1.5%	618,313	-0.5%	640,439	3.6%	627,443	-2.0%	607,955	-3.1%	608,352	0.1%
00/01	Total	1,765,313	-1.2%	1,753,566	-0.7%	1,738,542	-0.9%	1,696,930	-2.4%	1,691,134	-0.3%	1,704,338	0.8%	1,700,576	-0.2%	1,688,513	-0.7%	1,711,947	1.4%	1,705,712	-0.4%	1,684,620	-1.2%	1,696,850	0.7%
	PA	1,125,966	-4.5%	1,120,759	-0.5%	1,108,745	-1.1%	1,093,782	-1.3%	1,085,445	-0.8%	1,084,419	-0.1%	1,062,824	-2.0%	1,041,046	-2.0%	1,034,139	-0.7%	1,015,585	-1.8%	990,469	-2.5%	983,606	-0.7%
	NA	639,347	5.1%	632,807	-1.0%	629,797	-0.5%	603,148	-4.2%	605,689	0.4%	619,919	2.3%	637,752	2.9%	647,467	1.5%	677,808	4.7%	690,127	1.8%	694,151	0.6%	713,244	2.8%
01/02	Total	1,685,889	-0.6%	1,672,586	-0.8%	1,685,792	0.8%	1,671,714	-0.8%	1,699,160	1.6%	1,721,072	1.3%	1,721,809	0.0%	1,730,490	0.5%	1,753,753	1.3%	1,741,035	-0.7%	1,729,152	-0.7%	1,697,916	-1.8%
	PA	960,614	-2.3%	948,699	-1.2%	958,772	1.1%	949,959	-0.9%	961,072	1.2%	964,451	0.4%	961,605	-0.3%	960,325	-0.1%	956,020	-0.4%	944,491	-1.2%	939,226	-0.6%	927,682	-1.2%
	NA	725,275	1.7%	723,887	-0.2%	727,020	0.4%	721,755	-0.7%	738,088	2.3%	756,621	2.5%	760,204	0.5%	770,165	1.3%	797,733	3.6%	796,544	-0.1%	789,926	-0.8%	770,234	-2.5%
02/03	Total	1,688,887	-0.5%	1,697,962	0.5%	1,670,174	-1.6%	1,653,710	-1.0%	1,661,446	0.5%	1,673,910	0.8%	1,678,096	0.3%	1,680,282	0.1%								
	PA	912,831	-1.6%	915,847	0.3%	911,029	-0.5%	900,916	-1.1%	892,773	-0.9%	895,508	0.3%	873,940	-2.4%	859,153	-1.7%								
	NA	776,056	0.8%	782,115	0.8%	759,145	-2.9%	752,794	-0.8%	768,673	2.1%	778,402	1.3%	804,156	3.3%	821,129	2.1%								

TRENDS

- **Food Stamp persons increased 0.1% between January 2003 and February 2003.**
1.7% decrease in PA persons
2.1% increase in NA persons
- **Food Stamp persons decreased 2.9% between February 2002 and February 2003.**
10.5% decrease in PA persons
6.6% increase in NA persons
- **In September 1997, although the number of Food Stamp persons was steadily declining, there was a larger than usual decrease (9.1%) when the federal law changed to exclude many legal non-citizens from participation.**
- **In September 1997, the California Food Stamp Program (CFAP) was implemented to provide food stamp benefits to a portion of the legal non-citizens who were excluded from participation by federal law.**

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